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**SERIES**

**G.O. NO.** 863

**Dated** 15-4-48

**[Despatch Abstract.]**

Assessment - Charge for water (Bellary) Harkanahalli Kurnattai village Exemption from payment of water cess from the Lokanmam, cess Jasoreshwar Jyr. + agriculture Farm, Petition dt 24.1.47. Orders passed

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# Shree Basaveshwar Irrigation & Agricultural Farm

Tal:- HARPANHALLI ) — HIREKURUVATTI. — ( Dist:- BELLARY )

Head office:- BYADGI. ( Dist:- DHARWAR )

Office Byadgi. Dated Byadgi.
29-1-47.

The Hon'ble Minister,
Revenue Department, Govt., of Madras, MADRAS.

Sir,

(1) I, G. C. Dandur, Chairman of the said Firm, do hereby bring the matter to your kind notice and shall be very much obliged for the needful in the matter.

(2) I have secured for the said Firm some 135 acres of land in of Hirekurvatti Tal: Harapanahalli on the basis of lease. The lands are being irrigated by a system of lift irrigation. Since the area is big it goes very difficult to carry on the agricultural operations by means of bullocks. And consequently there is the constant danger of some area falling fallow. Besides, the income of the lands is comparatively less. So, it is felt not only desirable but also necessary to purchase one tractor for the Farm. If agricultural operations are carried on with the help of a tractor and the allied implements, not only there will be material improvement in the yield but it will greatly help the Governments' Grow More Food Crop drive So, my earnest request to you is to kindly arrange for atractor for my Farm. As a tractor to the Farm is as important as to Govt., I would like to utilize your good office for securing the same at concessional rates.

(3) If for any reason my proposal be not possible then, I shall deem it a great favour to arrange for ploughing of the lands by a tractor at concessional rates.

(4) One more vital point deserves your sympathetic consideration. At present water rate is being charged by the Govt., on the water. This in my opinion is highly injurious to the best interest of the Farm. A concern like mine which is still in infancy requires all possible help from you-more since it is engaged in the production of Food Crops. In Bombay Presidency for example no cess what-so-ever is charged on water utilized for irrigation (i.e. Lift Irrigation) It is exempt. During 1930, there was no cess charged on the water utilized by my Farm also. So I would request you to kindly arrange for removal of the water-rate that is being charged at present and which is a heavy handi- cap on the growth of the Farm.

(5) In conclusion, I would request you to arrange for a tractor for the Farm for sale. A list of the requisite machinary is given below for your information and needful action.

1. W.D. 9 Wheel Type Tractor, 4 cylinder diesel engine, regular equippment fitted with pneumatic tyres. O ne.
2. Set of steel wheels with lugs for rear steel wheels. On.
3. Belt pulley attachment. One.
4. No. Battery type "Bosch" lighting attachment. One.
5. No. 459 Brush Breaker. One.

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Tracts sent with Revus. 8874/47-1 1.3.47.

6. No8 genuine plough ( Mc Cormic Deering) One.
7. No.2 6 ft Harrow Plough, power lift with seeding attachment one
8. Mc Cormic Deering Tractor Trailor fitted with 7-50x16" 8 ply pneumatic tyres. One.

Thanking you,

Yours Faithfully,

~~Manager~~ Secretary.
Chairman.

~~To R.S.~~ Rev. Dept.

Please see the pet^n on pp 1-2 above.

2. This Dept. is concerned with the request in para 4 on p. 1 ante. (Removal of water cess This request has already been considered twice and rejected - please see G.O.'s 2325 Rev. dt 29.12.45 and 1364 Rev. dt 26.6.'46. No further action seems called for on this request. para 2, 3 & 5

3. The other requests in the pet^n ~~relate to the Dev. Dept. and~~ are for consideration in the Dev Dept. The file may therefore be transferred to that Dept

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O.M. No 886 H/67-3 dt 16-4-67

Assessment – charge for water – (Bellary). Harpanahalli TK – Kurubathi village. – Exemption from payment of water cess – From the Chairman, Shree Basaveshwara Irrign & Agricultural Farm, petn dt 29.1.67.

A copy of the petition (N.N.J) quoted is forwarded to the Bd/Rev

2. The attention of the Bd is invited to the orders in G.O. No 656 Rev dt 26-3-28, 1932 Rev dt 21-8-28 and 215 Rev dt 2-9-61 relating to boring concessions in the case of irrigation by means of pumps. In connection with the proposal of the Govt of India that installation of private pumping units might be encouraged to increase irrigated acreage, it has been observed that Engineers have always preferred irrigation by flow to irrigation by lift. But as projects have become costlier and less remunerative it has been suggested that lift irrigation will have to be seriously considered and that if cheap electric power is available, a scheme of irrigation by pumping from wells in the beds or on the margins of rivers should be feasible and that this would obviate many of the difficulties (relating to maintenance) inherent in irrigation from spring channel. The Bd is requested to offer its remarks on this suggestion in consultation with the C.E.(I) and to state whether in view of the G.M.F campaign and the need for encouraging pumping installations, a reconsideration of the rates levied in the

matter of concessions in the case of irrigation by lumpsum is called for.

3 The Bd is also requested to examine further the case of Shree Basaveneshwar Engg & Agl Farm and to offer its remarks on the request of the Farm to waive the cess on the water used by it

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT

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Subject

ASSESSMENT - Charge for water - (Bellary) - Harpanahalli taluk - Kuruvathi village - Exemption from payment of water-cess.

Ref.No.H.1761/47-7.

Station:-Madras. Dated 10th February 1948.

From

C.A. Ramakrishnan Esq., I.C.S.,
Joint Secretary, Board of Revenue, Madras.

V.N. Kudva Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Commissioner of Land Revenue, Excise & Prohibition

Read:- Government Memo.No.886-H/47-3, Revenue, dated 16-4-47.
From the Collector, Anantapur, D.Dis.10057/47, dated 2-6-47.
-do- , Bellary, Rc.5650/47-A3, dated 15-6-47
-do- , Chittoor, L.Dis.7841/47, dated 14-6-47
-do- , Kurnool, L.Dis.7235/47, dated 11-7-47
-do- , Cuddapah, Rc.A2-6876/47, dated 27-7-47
From the Chief Engineer (Irrigation), No.3161/47-A1, dated 9-12-47.
Government Memo.No.886-H/47-7, dated 26-1-48.

REFERENCE:

Copies of the reports of the Collectors of Anantapur, Bellary, Chittoor, Kurnool and Cuddapah districts and of the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) cited above are submitted to the Government with reference to their Memo.No.886-H/47-3, dated 16-4-47.

2. While it is generally accepted that Schemes for irrigatic by pumping should be considered wherever possible, the Collector of Bellary and Chittoor consider that such schemes should be allowed only where existing irrigation is not affected. The Collector of Cuddapah states that electric power is not availabl for the purpose in his district. The Chief Engineer (Irrigation has pointed out that an investigation made by him in 1946 showed that irrigation by pumping was feasible only in a few places to benefit a small area. Besides, working costs were found prohibitive and pumping sets were also not available in sufficient numbers. On examining the possibility of low lift pumping schem the Chief Engineer considers that such schemes would be feasible in the Cauvery banks in Salem division and the Mulliyar and Pamaniar regions in Tanjore District. But in view of the extensive cultivation by gravitational flow in the Tanjore District, he doubts whether pumping schemes in the district would be succe-ful. As the ryots themselves are keen on pumping water from wells and as permission is being granted for pumping schemes wher-ver possible and also as individual cases of pumping Schemes ar being pursued by him wherever feasible, the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) considers that no special steps are necessary. The Board agrees with him.

3. As regards the question whether in view of the Grow More Food Campaign, the Scheme of concessions for pumping irrigation sanctioned in 1928 and withdrawn in 1941 should be considered, The Board invites the attention of the Government to the Board's report in its Ref.No.H.1254/41-2, dated 9-8-41 and the orders

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thereon in G.O.No.Ms.2005, Revenue, dated 2-9-41. It will be seen from that correspondence that while the concessions were in force, the ryots were not keen on availing themselves of the concessions and it was formed that the main difficulty with pumping irrigation was not the rates of water-cess but the prohibitive cost of the pumping sets and working expenses, and the unreliability of pumps. This view is reiterated by the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) in para 3 of his present letter and the Board therefore considers that the re-introduction of the concessions as a general measure is unnecessary at present. In view, however, of the importance attached to Grow More Food Schemes now, individual cases of large pumping installations may be shown concessions in the matter of water-rate as and when such cases are brought to notice not only in the Ceded districts but all over the Province. The question of granting general concessions may be taken up if numerous such cases come up. In view of the high cost of pumps it is unlikely that the grant of concessions as to water rate will be itself encourage ryots to go in for pumps.

4. As regards the request of Sri Basaweshwar Irrigation and Agricultural Farm for waiver of water-cess, the Board invites attention to G.O.No.Ms.2325, Revenue, dated 29-12-45 and G.O.No.Ms.1364, Revenue, dated 26-6-46 wherein the request was refused twice. The Collector of Bellary points out that no new grounds have been urged now and as it is an old installation put up in ~~19-2-41~~ no new concession is called for. The Board agrees with him. A tractor, if available, may be sanctioned to the far (on payment) as requested by the applicant.

for Joint Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department (with enclosures).

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Copy of letter No.D.Dis.10057/47, dated 2-6-47 from the Collector of Anantapur to the Secretary. Board of Revenue, Madras.

Sub:- ASSESSMENT - Charge for water - (Bellary) - Harpanahalli Taluk - Kuruvathi village - Exemption from payment of water cess - Report.
Ref:- Board's Ref.No.H.1761/47-3, dated 21-5-47.

The rivers and streams in this District are fitful; where there are springs or a comparatively steady flow, use is being made of the water through channels. Pumping installations are not particularly desirable and, as the previous experience has indicated, are not popular with the ryots. I do not think, any concessions beyond the ordinary lift remission need be given to encourage such installations.

(Sd) x x
for Collector.

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Copy of L.Dis.7841, dated ~~21-5-47~~ 14.6.47 from the Collector of Chittoor, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras.

Sub:- Assessment - Charge for water - (Bellary) - Harpanahalli Taluk - Kuruvathi village - Exemption from payment of water cess - Report.
Ref:- Board's Ref.H.1761/47-3, dated 21-5-47.

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In G.O.No.1932 dated 21-8-1928 the Government granted certain concessions for irrigation by installation of pumps which were not availed of in this district. In G.O.No.1869, Revenue, dated 25-8-42, the Government permitted sinking of wells in river beds for irrigation purposes. There was only one application from this district. The Board granted permission to sink the well in its B.P.Mis.79 dated 16-1-45. The grantee having not been able to construct the well, proposals were submitted to the Board for cancellation of the grant, in this office No.A6-1252/47 dated 14-3-47 which is pending with the Board.

As regards installation of pumps in the beds and margins of rivers for irrigation purposes it is submitted that many of the channels have their springs heads or main sources from the rivers in this district. The installation of pumps in the beds and rivers will diminish the flow of water in the channels which take their springs from the rivers. Consequently large extents of the ayacut under the channels will be adversely affected. It is submitted that the additional ayacut that would be brought under irrigation by the installation of pumps will not be appreciable when compared with the extent that would be affected in the event of such installation of purposes. However there will be no objection for the grant of permission to those who intend installing pumps for irrigation purposes in cases where such installation does not affect the supply in the existing sources of irrigation. Such cases will be very rare in this district as most of rivers in the district feed some springs channel or other which irrigate lands classed as wet.

(Sd) x x
for Collector.

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Copy of letter No.Rc.5650/47-A3, dated 15-6-47 from the Collector of Bellary to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras.

Sub:- ASSESSMENT - Charge for water - (Bellary) - Harpanahalli Taluk - Kuruvathi village - Exemption from payment of water cess - Remarks.
Ref:- Board's Ref.No.H.1761/47, dated 21-5-47.

A scheme of irrigation by pumping from wells in the beds

or on the margins of rivers by electric power is feasible. But it may be allowed only in case where the water supply is assured and the pumping installations do not affect the existing sources of supply. In view of the Grow More Food Campaign and the need for encouraging pumping installations and in order to give an incentive to the ryots to go in for installations, I recommend the grant of concessions allowed previously in G.O.1932, Revenue, dated 21-8-1928.

2. This is the third time that the Secretary of Sri Basaveswara Irrigation and Agricultural farm, Hirekuruvathi has applied for remission of water charge on lands irrigated by the Pumping installations on the bank of the Tungabhadra river. His first petition dated 30-9-45 was rejected by the Government in their G.O Ms.No.2325 dated 29-12-45. His 2nd petition dated 16-3-46 was also rejected by the Government in their G.O.Ms.No.1364, Revenue Department dated 26-6-46. In the present petition he has not put forth any new ground for consideration. The petitioner's pumping installation at Hirekuruvathi is not a new one as it was erected in 1924. As such the petitioner's request cannot be complied with.

3. The petitioner wants a tractor for use in the farm. A tractor will materially improve the yield and facilitates ploughing a large extent of land. I recommend the supply of a tractor to the petitioner on sale if it can be made available.

Sd) K.N. Anantaraman,
Collector.

Copy of letter No.L.Dis.7235/47 dated 11-7-47 from the Collector of Kurnool, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras.

Sub:- Assessment - Charge for water - (Bellary) - Harpanahalli Taluk - Kuruvathi village - Exempt on from payment of water-cess - Report - Submitted.
Ref:- Board's Ref.No.H.1761/47. dated 21-5-47.

I suggest that in view of the Grow More Food Campaign and the need for encouraging pumping installations, water cess on lands irrigated by pumping installations may be reduced to one fourth (W-D) as in the case of Doruvu wells. The presen charge is three fourths (W-D). This substantial concession in water cess will be a good encouragement.

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for Collector.

Copy of letter No.Rc.A2-6876/47 dated 27-7-47 from the Collector of Cuddapah to the Secretary, Board of Revenue, Madras.

Sub:- Assessment - Charge for water - Bellary - Karpanahalli Taluk - Kurvalli village - Exemption from payment of water cess - Remarks - Offered.
Ref:- Board!s Ref.No.H.1761/47-3. dated 21-5-47.

Inview of the fact that projects have become less and less remunerative it is but necessary that lift irrigation has to be seriously considered and that if cheap electic power is available a scheme of irrigation by pumping from wells in the beds or on the margins of river should be feasible and thi would obviate many of the difficulties inherent in irrigatior from spring channels. So far as this District is concerned

electic power for such purpose is not available now. It is not sufficient even for lighting purposes. But in view of the Grow More Food Campaign and the need for encouraging installations a reconsideration of the earlier orders in the matter of concession in the case of irrigation by pumps is absolutely necessary and I suggest that the concessions temporarily allowed in G.O.1932, Revenue, dated 21-8-28 and subsequently withdrawn in G.O.2005, Revenue, dated 2-9-41 may be restored and made permanent.

'Sd) x x
for Collector.

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Copy of letter No.3161/47-A1, dated 9-12-47 from the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, Madras to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras.

Sub:- Assessment - Charge for water - (Bellary) - Harpanahalli Taluk - Kuruvathi village - Exemption from payment of water cess.
Ref:- Board's Ref.No.H.1761/47-5, dated 26-6-47.

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Two suggestions are made in the Government Memorandum.

(i) As projects have become less and less remunerative, lift irrigation will have to be seriously considered and that if cheap electic power is available a scheme of irrigation by pumping from wells in the beds or on the margins of rivers should be feasible and that this would obviate many of the difficulties (relating to maintenance) inherent in irrigation from spring channels.

(ii) In view of the need for encouraging pumping installations, whether a reconsideration of the orders in the matter of concessions in the case of ifrigation by pumps is called for.

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2. SUGGESTION (i) ABOVE: A similar suggestion was considered previously to grow a short term crop by pumping with oil engine in connection with the Government of India's proposal - vide Government Development Department D.O.No.15-AIII/45-10, dated 13-3-46, It was found that pumping was feasible only in a few places and that it would benefit only a small number of acres in most cases. Pumping sets in sufficient numbers were not also available. Besid it was reported that the cost of working of the pumps even if made available would be heavy beyond the means of ordinary ryots. The suggestion to grow short term paddy with pumping sets was therefor given up.

However, the possibilities of low lift pumping schemes from drains, river beds and shallow wells as well as from contour canal at places where electric power is available nearby has been examin separately in consultation with the Superintending Engineers. The examination shows that pumping schemes may be feasible in the following areas.

(i) On the banks of Cauvery river in Salem Division to irrigate small extents of lands all along the full length of the river to irrigate from the Dam down to the interior limits of Salem Division.

(ii) On either side of the tail reach of the Mulliar to irrigate about 1500 acres.

(iii) About 2000 acres in Grand Anicut Canal Division by pumping from Pamaniar. All these proposals would require extensio of transmission lines. Besides it is doubtful if pumping Schemes would be popular with land owners in Tanjore District in view of the fact that a large extent of wet lands is already under gravita tional flow. It is further reported by the Superintending Enginee that the ryots themselves are keen in taking to pumping from their wells. wherever electricitv is available and there is alreadv a

a clamour for extension of electricity to rural areas. Wherever feasible, permission is also being granted for pumping schemes. No special steps in this regard on the part of Government would seem necessary. The question of irrigation by pumping is however being pursued by me in individual cases wherever feasible and there is a demand for it.

SUGGESTION (ii): The earlier orders of Government refer to certain concessions regarding water cess for pumping schemes. Experience showed that the concessions were not availed of by the ryots. As already observed by Government in G.O.No.656 dated 26-3-28, it is not so much the water rates charged by Government that retard the development of irrigation by pumping as the costliness of pumps. Added to it there is now-a-days the difficulty of getting pumps and the comparatively high recurring expenditure involved in running the pumps. It is these factors that militate the development of pumping scheme and it would be ~~xx~~ of no advanta to reconsider the orders already issued in the matter of withdrawi the concessions regarding water cess.

(Sd) x x
for Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

for Joint Secretary.

Please issue and return

C. No. 886 H/47.

Revenue Department.

Read:
From the Chairman, Shree Basaveshwar Irrigation and Agricultural Farm, petition, dated 29-1-47.
Memorandum No. 886 H/47-3, Revenue, dated 16-4-1947.
From the Board of Revenue, Ref. No. H. 1761/47-7, dated 10-2-1948.

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G.O. Ms. No. 863 dated 15.4.48

In his petition quoted above, the petitioner has requested

(1) that Government should help the farm to secure a tractor and similar agricultural implements at concessional rates as the Farm is mainly devoted to the G.M.F programme; and

(2) that the Farm should be exempted from the payment of water cess on lands irrigated with the aid of the pumping installation on the bank of the Tungabhadra river. The Government have examined both the requests. As regards his first request, he is informed that the matter has been remitted to the Director of Agriculture for necessary action. His attention is invited to Memorandum No. 20303 A IV/47-1, Development, dated 8-3-1947. As regards his second request, the petitioner is informed that it was considered previously on two occasions and rejected. The Government see no reason to re-consider those orders and grant the request

2. While examining the petition referred to in para above, the following suggestions have been made:--

(1) As projects have become less and less remunerative, lift irrigation will have to be seriously considered and if cheap electric power is available, a shheme of irrigation by pumping from wells in the beds or on the margins of rivers should be feasible and this would obviate many of the difficulties (relating to maintenance inherent in irrigation from spring channels;

(2) Whether in view of the G.M.F. campaign, the scheme of concessions for pumping irrigation sanctioned in G.O. Ms. No. 1932, Revenue, dated 21-8-1928 and withdrawn in G.O. Ms. No. 2005, Revenue, dated 2-9-1941 should be re-introduced. These two suggestions have been

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examined in consultation with the Board of Revenue and the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Suggestion (1): It is reported by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation that the ryots themselves are keen on pumping water from wells that permission is being granted for pumping schemes wherever possible and that individual cases of pumping schemes are being pursued by him wherever feasible. The Chief Engineer for Irrigation, therefore, considers that no special steps are necessary. The Board agrees with the Chief Engineer for Irrigation. The Government agree with the Board.

Suggestion (2): The Chief Engineer for Irrigation is of the view that it would be ~~xx~~ of no advantage to re-consider the orders already issued in the matter of withdrawing the concessions regarding water cess. The Board considers that the re-introduction of concessions as a general measure is unnecessary at present. The Board, however, recommends that individual cases of large pumping installations may be shown concession in the matter of water rate as and when they are brought to notice. The Board points out that the question of granting general concessions may be taken up, if numerous such cases come up. The Board is informed that concessions as in G.O. Ms. No. 1932, Revenue, dated 21-8-~~1932~~ 1929 may be granted to large pumping installations after obtaining the prior approval of Government.

To the Bd. of Rev.
Copy to the C.E. (I.T.
Chairman,
Shree Basaveshwar
Irrigation and
Agricultural Farm,
Hirekuruvatti,
Harpanahalli taluk,
Bellary Dt. (para 1
only).

Rev. Dept.

Assessment - Charge for water - Bellary - Harpanahalli Taluk - Kurvalli village - Sri Basaveshwar Irrigation and Agricultural Farm - Exemption from payment of water cess - From the Chairman, Sri Basaveshwar Irrigation and Agricultural Farm, petition dt. 29.1.47.

C. No 886H/47

To R.S.

Please see the petition on pp. 1-2 of.

2. The petitioners have secured on lease about 135 acres of land in the Kurvalli village Harpanahalli Taluk, Bellary Dt. for purposes of running an Agricultural farm. The lands are being ~~irriage~~ irrigated by water pumped from the Tungabhadra River by a system of lift irrigation. Water rate is being charged for this water. The requests of the petitioners are:-

(1) that Govt. shd help them secure a tractor and similar agricultural implements at Concessional rates as the Farm is mainly devoted to the Grow More Food ~~Campaign~~ programme.

and (2) that the Farm may be exempted from the payment of water cess for the reasons

(a) that in the Bombay Presidency rules permit a similar system of irrigation free of water cess for the first 25 years, and (b) that it is growing only food crops under the G.M.F Campaign and is therefore entitled to the Concession.

3. This Dept. is concerned with request (2) above. ~~The~~ The request has also was considered in December, 1945 and was negatived in G.O. Ms No. 2325 Rev. dt. 29.12.45. Again, in June, 1946, another petition from

Rule X on p. 6 of G.O. No. 2325 Rev. 29.12.45

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the Farm containing the same request was rejected in G.O. Ms. 1364 Rev 26-6-46. In the circumstances it ~~seems~~ does not seem necessary to reconsider the orders passed in the above G.O's. ~~No action is therefore~~ For orders whether petitioners may be informed accordingly.

4. The file may be transferred to Dev. for ~~the~~ Consideration of the ~~other~~ request (1) on page 1 above and they may be requested to send a Consolidated reply to the petitioners

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From G.O. 2325 Revenue dated 25-12-45 at page 8 of (P) it is seen that the original water rate was fixed at 3/4 of the rate prescribed in Sec. A of Appendix I to B.S.O.4 and this was considered to be a sufficient concession. The water rate on 100 acres will be Rs.4 x 3/4 x 100 that is Rs.300 per year. The petitioner says that in Bombay province no water charge is made for the first 25 years for pumping installation. The Bombay Land Revenue Code provides that for the first 25 years no charge be made for irrigation by water by means of pumps. In the G.M.E. leaflet issued by the Madras Government there is no provision for waiving of water cess in case of pumping installations. I think that if the P.W.D. officers are of opinion that the irrigation by pumps on a river or stream is not likely to affect seriously any Government supply for irrigation work, then water cess can be waived to encourage irrigation by pumps. When subsidies are being given for digging wells, there is no reason why Government should not encourage pumping installations for irrigation of dry lands. The loss of Revenue in this case will be about Rs.300.

D.S.

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Extracts sent vide Rev. No. 8864/47 1.3.47. Please send extracts to Dev for necessary action

Would this not be the usual water remission allowed by Bd. G. 468? C 3 or b. 12

so is general question which needs to be examined closely

B. Method of encouraging forest produce

To U.S. Please see the notes at pp 1-2 ante and DS's orders at 'A' and 'B' on p. 2 ante

2. In G. O.No. 656 Revenue dated 26-3-28, the Governmen considered the question whether baling concessions more liberal than the existing ones should be given in the case of irrigation by means of pumps in consultation with the Bd of Rev and agreed with the Board ~~of Revenue~~ that no further concession was necessary but desired to try as an experiment the effect of waiving the charge for water for the first few years for irrigation by pumping from rivers in selected distric which suffered from draught and through which or along which river passed, provided that the P.W.D. certified that there was no objection from the point of view of existing irrigation interests and provided that the creation of vested rights was guarded against. ~~(A set of rules to be observed in granting permission to erect pumping).~~ Attention is in this connection invited to the remarks of Mr.A.Ranganatha Muraliyar and Mr.N.E. Marjoribanks (later Sir Norman Marjoribanks) in the notes to G.O. No. 656 Revenue dated 26-3-28. A set of rules to be observed in granting permission to erect pumping installations was issued with G.O. No. 1932 Revenue dated 21-8-28 and the Government directed that the scheme should be tried in the first instance for 5 years in the Ceded districts and in the Madanapalle and Vayalpad Taluks of Chittoor District. As the Board's reports showed that the concessions were availed of to a very small extent, the Government ordered that the scheme should continue to be tried. Vide G.O. Nos 1383 Revenue dated 12-7-34 and 1804 Revenue dated 2-9-37.

3. The Board's report dt 29.8.41 on the working of the scheme from 1937 to 1941 is on pages 3.-4 c.f. of G.O.No.2005 Revenue dated 2-9- The Board then observed that the extent to which the concessions had been availed of was negligible. The Bd's report shows that ~~The Board pointed out~~ on Bellary & their wells are pumping installation in Harpanahalli Tk and that this was that once the availability of adequate supplies is assured, pumps could be installed where necessary and that where supply was not adequate permission for pumping should not be granted in the insterests of existing irrigation. In either case the Board considered that the concessions for pumping were unnecessary. The Government, in G.O. No. 2005 Revenue dated 2-9-41 accepted the Board's view.

~~in view of the G.M.F programme,~~

~~4. 5. It is for orders whether the Board may now be asked to examine the question and submit proposals. Subject to orders a draft Memo is submitted for approval. It may be sent to P.W.D. and Finance before circulation.~~

7/3/47. 5. It is for orders whether the orders in G.O.No 2325 Rev dy 29.12.45 will be reconsidered and exemption from the payment of water cess granted and whether in the circumstances stated in paras 3 & 4 above it will be considered unnecessary to examine the question referred to at 'B' on p 2 ante. p 5 of (1)

6. The remarks of P.W.D and Fin may be invited before circulation

9/ 10-3-47. The question of pumping installations has not been examined from the Grow More Food point of view in the past. On page 12 c.f. of 'C' the Board pointed out that what probably discourages the use of pumping installations is not so much the rates of water cess charged by the Government as the unreliability and the costliness of the pumps and indifference of the ryots to machinery"

This opinion cannot hold good any more in view of the G.M.F. campaign. In Lodged No. 2035 H/46 (Revenue) dy 25.11.46. Bombay c.f. (2) in which the Government of India proposed that installation of private pumping units might be encouraged to increase irrigated acreage, the Additional Finance Secretary, Mr. Ragavan, observed (see page 19 (5)) as follows: "My own impression is that the Board underestimates the possibilities of river pumping units. Somehow our Engineers have always preferred irrigation by flow to irrigation by lift. But as projects for irrigation by flow become less and less remunerative, lift irrigation will have to be seen seriously considered and if cheap electric power is available a scheme of irrigation by pumping from wells in the bed or on the margin of rivers should be feasible. This would obviate ~~obviate~~ many of the difficulties (relating

to maintenance) inherent in irrigation from spring channels. On this subject the remarks of the C.E.(I) may be awaited."

The views of the Board maybe called for on the suggestion. The Board maybe requested to say whether in view of the G.M.F campaign, and the need for encouraging pumping installations, a reconsideration of the earlier orders is called for.

D.S.

The Board maybe requested to further examine the case 11/3/47 under consideration in this file.

I think it is desirable to give a stimulus to irrigation by the use of pumps. In most streams and rivers large quantities of water are simply running to waste. In order to see that such water is utilised, if only to aid the Govt. I., Govt would be justified in waiving the water rate chargeable for some years. The revenue so foregone will have to be treated as a Bridge subsidy for promoting or stimulating pump irrigation. Care should, however, be taken to see that pumps are not installed at all places indiscriminately, but that permission is granted only when existing riparian interests are not prejudicially affected.

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PWD

Please see the Rev. notes from pl. 1. This Deptt. may perhaps agree with the views of Rev. U.S. expressed at 'A' above.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
13 MAR 1947
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

To N (with particular reference to extract C with it Hon'ble

Please see para 5 of the note at pp.40-41 nf. of L.F. relating to Post-War Reconstruction schemes. The Government of India recommended the installation of the river pumping units. The Board of Revenue ~~expressed~~ stated that it knew little of irrigation by pumping on a large scale, as a paying economic proposition. The C.E.(I) stated that the main difficulties are the availability of water throughout the irrigation season and the cost of pumping or lifting water. He cited the instance of Divi project in Kistna District and has stated that the mode of irrigation by pump will be developed wherever conditions are found suitable for development. No specific action was considered necessary. This department need not, perhaps, object to the Board being referred to again in the matter in view of A above. The file may be passed on to Fin.

M.S.P./20-3-47.

K.P./21-3-47.

Please put up extract of the C.E's. note on "River pumping" from his notes on the items of the agenda for the Ministers' Conference held in Delhi on the 15th and 16th January, 1947, in connection with G.M.F.

D.A./21-3-47.

An extract is put up at (M).

24.3.47. The reference to the Board suggested at 'A' on p.5 ante may be agreed to in this Deptt. The Board may also be asked to consult the C.E. before submitting its report. | M

25.3.47 S | 26/3 Fin.

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Finance (Sect. A)

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Finance may also agree to the suggestion at A on page 5 above subject to the remarks of P.W.D. above

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF MADRAS 2 APR 1947 RECEIVED

The notes from p. 1 above may be perused. The file may be circulated to H.M.(L.R.) for orders on 'A' at p. 5 ante.

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O.W.S.

Please see the orders in circulation above. A draft memo is submitted for approval.

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Issued as G.O. No. 886 H/47-3, dated 16-4-1947.
From the Board of Revenue, Ref. No. H. 1761/47-7, dated 10-2-1947.

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Revenue Departmen

To A.S.

Please see the notes above, Memo. to the Board of Revenue on pr. 3-4 C.F. and the Board's reply and the enclosures to it on pp. 5-10 C.F.

2. In his petition on pp. 1-2 C.F., the petitioner requested--

(1) that Government should help the farm to secure a tractor and similar agricultural implements at concession rates as the Farm is mainly devoted to the Grow More Food programme and

(2). that the Farm should be exempted from the payment o water-cess for the reasons--

(a) that in the Bombay Presidency rules permit a similar system of irrigation free of water-cess for the first 25 years and

(b) that it is growing only food corps under the G.M.F. campaign and is, therefore, entitled to the

concession.

As Development are concerned with request (1) extracts were taken and sent to that department with Revenue U.O. No. 886 H/47-1, dated 1-3-1947 for necessary action.

While examining the 2nd request the following suggestions were made:

(1) As projects have become less and less remunerative, lift irrigation will have to be seriously considered and that if cheap electric power is available, a scheme of irrigation by pumping from wells in the beds or on the margins of rivers should be feasible and that this would obviate many of the difficulties (relating to maintenance) inherent in irrigation from spring channels

(2) whether in view of the G.M.F. campaign the scheme of concessions for pumping irrigation sanction in G.O. Ms. No. 1932, Revenue, dated 21-8-1928 and withdrawn in G.O. No. 2005, Revenue, dated 2-9-1941 should be reconsidered. The Board of Revenue was asked to offer its remarks on the above suggestions in consultation with the Chief Engineer for Irrigation. The petition on pp. 1-2 C.F. was also forwarded to the Board and the Board was asked to offer its remarks on the request of the Farm to waive the collection of water cess. The Board has consulted the Collectors of Anantapur, Bellary, Chittoor, Kurnool and Cuddapah districts and the Chief Engineer for Irrigation and submitted its report. The Board's report is on pp. 5-6 C.F. The reports of the Collectors and of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation are on pp. 7-10 C.F.

3. Suggestion (1): Attention is invited to para 2 of the letter of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation on pp. 9-10 C.F. The Chief Engineer for Irrigation has pointed out that an investigation made by him in 1946 showed that irrigation by pumping was feasible only in a few places to benefit a small area. The Chief Engineer for Irrigation states that he is granting permission for pumping schemes wherever feasible. He is of the view that no special steps on the

part of the Government are necessary. The Board of Revenue agrees with the Chief Engineer for Irrigation. Please see para 2 of Board's Reference on p. 5 C.F. This Department may agree with Board.

4. Suggestion (2): In G.O. No. 1932, Revenue, dated 21-8-1928, the Government granted the following concessions f water charge for irrigation by pumping :--

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| First five years | .. | No charge |
| Next two years | .. | Half charge |
| After seven years | .. | Full charge. |

t was found that while the concessions were in force, the ryots were not keen on availing themselves of the concessions. The main difficulty with pumping installation was not the rate of water-cess but the prohibitive cost of pumping sets and the working expenses and the unreliability of pumps. These concessions were therefore withdrawn in G.O. Ms. No. 2005, Revenue, dated 2-9-1941. The difficulties still seem to exist. Please see para 3 of Chief Engineer's letter on p. 10 C.F. The Chief Engineer for Irrigation is of the view that it would be of no advantage to re-consider the orders already issued in the matter of withdrawing the concessions regarding water-cess. The Boar considers that the re-introduction of concessions as a general measure is unnecessary at present. The Board, howev recommends that individual cases of large pumping installations may be shown concession in the matter of water-rate as and when such cases are brought to notice. The Board points out, the question of granting general concessions may be taken up if numerous such cases come up. Apparently the Board refers to the concessions sanctioned in G.O. No. 1932, Revenue, dated 21-8-~~1932~~ 1928. For orders whether this Department may agree with Board of Revenue and inform the Board that the ~~grant of~~ concessions as in G.O. Ms. No. 1932 Revenue, dated 21-8-~~1932~~ 1928 may be granted to large pumping installation after obtaining the prior approval of Govt.

5. The petitioner's case is an old one and the installation was erected in 1924. His request for water-rate concession was turned down on two previous occasions in G.O. Ms. No. 2325, Revenue, dated 29-12-1945 and G.O. No. 1364, Revenue, dated 26-6-1946. The Collector of Bellary and the Board of Revenue do not recommend the grant of water-rate concession now to the petitioners. This Department may agree.

6. The Board has recommended the sanction of the supply of a tractor to the petitioner's farm. The question is one for Development to consider. Necessary extracts from the petition were already sent to Development. That Department may see with reference to the Board's recommendation.

7. The file may be sent to P.W.D. and Finance for remarks.

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The file has been sent to this Dept w.r.to para 6 above. The extracts received in this Dept were disposed of in Memo. 20303 B IV/47-1 dt 8-3-47. (A) The petitioner's request for the supply of a tractor he was remitted to the D.A. for necessary action. No separate action is now called for.

The file may be passed on to P.W.D.

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To AS

This dept. last noted on p 6 ante

The summarising note of Rev dept. — pp 7-10 ante may be perused dept. may agree with the proposals of Rev A + B on p 9 and C on p 10 ante

This may be passed on to 7

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Finance (Audit) Dept

(Previously seen in remarks at the footer page 6 above.)

Please see the [illegible] of Revenue in pp 7-10 above.

23/3/48 | Finance may agree to the proposals of Revenue at A, B & C on p/p 9-10 above.
The case may be returned to Revenue

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Revenue Department.

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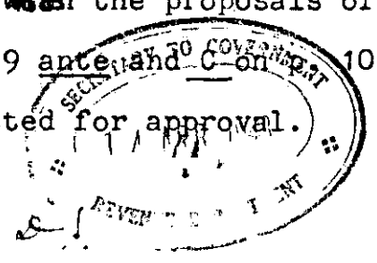
To A.

The typed notes from p. 7 above explain the proposals in the file and may be perused.

P.W. and Finance agree with the proposals of this Department at A and B on p. 9 ante and C on p. 10 ante

A draft order is submitted for approval.

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